

and Yadkin Valley Railroad in excess of the two hundred and fifty granted to said road by an act ratified during the session of eighteen hundred and eighty-seven fifty able-bodied convicts, and the said board is directed to keep said force up to fifty strong, and to keep said force constantly at work upon the turnpike and work provided for in this act until the said turnpike and work shall have been completed in accordance with the provisions of section one of this act.

SEC. 3. The said convict force shall not be kept upon the works specified in this act longer than six months.

Convicts not to be worked under this act longer than six months.

SEC. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

In the general assembly read three times, and ratified this the 7th day of March, A. D. 1887.

CHAPTER 238.

An act to amend chapter two hundred and eighty of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, for better draining of low lands on Reedy Fork and Horsepen creeks in Guilford county.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

SECTION 1. That chapter two hundred and eighty of the laws of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five be and the same is hereby amended by adding immediately after section three of said act the following provisional section :

Chapter 280, laws 1885, amended.

"SEC. 2. That any land owner affected by the provisions of this act, either directly or indirectly, who may at his own expense properly clean out and care for any stream embraced in the provisions of this act, either directly or indirectly, which touches or traverses his lands, and who may keep such lands properly drained in a manner to

Land owner keeping any stream affected by act properly drained, to be exempt from assessment, &c.